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O R 181100Z DEC 76
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO USCINCEUR/ECJ4//7//SARA-T/IMMEDIATE
CDR TRADOC FT MONROE VA//ATTNG-PRD-SA-T//IMMEDIATE
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DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MASS, SU
SUBJECT: FY77 IMET - SUDAN

REF: A. KHARTOUM 3675 (141028Z DEC 76), B. USCINCEUR
160945Z DEC 76

1. DCM DISCUSSED RESULTS DEC 13 ELT WITH DIRECTOR MILITARY
TRAINING BRIG MOHAMED HUSSEIN AL-TAHIR DEC 18. HE WAS
DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED AT NEWS THAT ALL FOUR CANDIDATES FOR
SPECIAL FORCES AND ARMOR COURSES HAD FAILED EXAM. DCM
EXPLAINED REASONS WHY NO EXECPTIONS COULD BE MADE AND
SUGGESTED THAT SUDANESE OFFICERS PLAN ON ENTERING COURSES TO
BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR. TO OUR SURPRISE AL-TAHIR ADAMANTLY
REFUSED TO CONSIDER THIS OPTION. INSTEAD, HE ASKED IF HE
COULD HAVE SIX OTHER OFFICERS, THREE FOR EACH COURSE
(INCLUDING ALTERNATES), TAKE ELT MON, DEC 20. HE AGREED
THAT IF THESE OFFICERS FAIL ELT, HE WOULD FOLLOW ADVICE
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CONTAINED REF B, BUT HE MADE QUITE CLEAR HE CONSIDERED IT TO
BE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO HAVE SUDANESE OFFICERS ENTER

JANUARY SPECIAL FORCES AND ARMOR COURSES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
NOR WOULD HE CONCEDE THAT SUDANESE OFFICERS WOULD SUFFER
FROM COLD WEATHER CONDITIONS EXISTING IN JAN. HE SAID HE

ASSUMED OTHER AFRICANS WOULD BE ATTENDING COURSE AND THERE
NO REASON TO MAKE EXCEPTION FOR SUDAN.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EMBASSY FOUND SUGGESTIONS REF B BOTH
REASONABLE AND FORTHCOMING, WE FEEL SINCE WE HAD ALREADY
AGREED TO MAKE PLACES IN JANUARY COURSES FOR SUDANESE STUDENTS
THERE NO WAY WE CAN HONORABLY REFUSE TO ALLOW SUDANESE
OFFICERS ONE MORE CHANCE TO PASS ELT. ACCORDINGLY, WE
PLAN GIVE ELT AGAIN MONDAQ, DEC 20 AND WILL ADVISE
ADDRESSEES OF RESULTS SOONEST. MEANTIME, EMBASSY WILL BEGIN
PROCESSING DOCUMENTATION FOR MOHAMED HASSAN MAGHOUB WHO
SUCCESSFULLY PASSED EC QDT ELT AND WILL ENTER SIGNALS
COURSE (B-171411). CANDIDATES FOR ENGINEERING (B-171066)
AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (B-171508) COURSE WILL TAKE
ELOA TUES, DEC 28. BREWER

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